

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Yale Cantor at 6:33 P.M.

PRESENT: Yale Cantor, Helen Filloramo, Melinda Ferry, Suzanne Hannigan, Sue Stack, Anne Nickerson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned (H. Filloramo), Seconded (S. Hannigan) and passed by all those present to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2009 meeting.

CORRECTION: At the October 19, 2009 meeting, under approval of minutes; minutes were incorrectly typed with the date of October 19th instead of September 14th. Motioned (S. Hannigan), Seconded (A. Nickerson) to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Between the Energy Program and the Holiday Season of Sharing, we are very busy. The numbers of households participating in both of these programs have increased While our donations and sponsors have decreased. But we are confident that although this will be one of our toughest years our ability to provide heating assistance and help for the holidays will be good. We have 60 supermarket gift cards for \$25.00 each. Forty of those cards were donated for Thanksgiving.

There has also been a high demand among households using the clothing bank. This bank is manned by two volunteers who pick up donations weekly from the Human Services Department.

The Department of Social Services RX Express Van will be at the Town Hall Parking Lot on Tuesday, November 24, to register participants for the Medicare Part D from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. This will come after a Medicare Part D Program sponsored by the North Central Area Agency on Aging at the senior center. There are new changes taking place for 2010 that will affect those receiving ConnPACE.

One Hundred and twelve individuals participated in the flu clinic held at the Middle School on Tuesday, November 3rd. A H1N1 flu clinic was held at the high school on Saturday, November 7th from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. The eligibility guidelines coupled with the short notice did not have an affect on our client base.

The donated car to the senior center is almost a reality. Title should be turned over to the town within the next two weeks. This has been a long and complicated process. But now there should be procedure and policy in place. Our van was out of service for several days.

Therefore, we have limited van service to the Tri-Town Area only. The contractual agreement for the new van will be on this month's Board of Selectmen's Meeting along with the new five-year lease for the senior center.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Request for funding has been mailed out to all contract agencies. The senior center director, youth services director, and elderly outreach caseworker have been asked to begin putting their perspective division budget together.

Both Cindy Boscarino and Felicia LaPlante have been recommended by the Recreation and Human Services Directors for permanent status as administrative secretary 1. Both ladies work 20 hours per week.

We received a check for \$2,900 from the ACCESS Agency for the intake administration of the Energy Program. Last year we purchased a laptop computer with these funds.

The new Parkinson Support Group that meets at the senior center was well attended for the first meeting.

Attendance at this year's senior center craft show was also well attended. Much credited is given to Jean Baseel for the publicity. Over \$1,059 was raised during this event.

ADJOURNMENT: Motioned (M. Ferry), Seconded (S. Stack), and passed by all those present to adjourn at 7:25 P.M.

Submitted By,


Doris R. Crayton
Acting Secretary